

REMARKS

Claims 22-24 have been cancelled. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. New claims 25-33 have been added. Claims 1-21 and 25-33 are therefore pending. The specification is amended as correct a typographical error and figure 10 is corrected to correspond to the amended specification. No new matter is introduced by these amendments. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration based on the amendments and remarks herein.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claim 21 has been allowed. Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for allowing claim 21.

Amended Claims:

Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. The amendments to claim 11 are supported in the specification as filed, at least at Figures 8 and 9. No new matter is added.

Applicants respectfully submit that the amended claims are allowable over US 6,609,807 to Torihara ("Torihara") and US 5, 788, 356 to Watai et al. ("Watai"). Neither Torihara nor Watai, alone or in combination, disclose, teach or suggest all of the limitations of amended claims 1 or 11. For example, the references do not disclose, teach or suggest at least the following limitations:

"... wherein the light reflecting member includes a chamfer disposed at an edge where a virtual line passing through centers of the two lamps meets the light reflecting member, the chamfer enhancing a reflection efficiency."

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as recited in amended claims 1 and 11. Watai discusses a "surface light source device" with "[a] long tube-like light source element 2" 8:21-23. The accompanying figures illustrate only one light source element 2. Watai, Figures 3-7. Since Watai does not disclose, teach or suggest "two lamps", it does not disclose, teach or suggest that "a virtual line passing through centers of the two lamps meets the light reflecting member, the chamfer enhancing a reflection efficiency." Torihara discusses a "backlight 7" and "light sources 2". The accompanying figure illustrates two light sources 2. Torihara, however, does not disclose, teach or suggest a chamfer. Torihara, therefore, does not disclose, teach or suggest "a virtual line passing through centers of the two lamps meets the light reflecting member, the chamfer enhancing a reflection efficiency" as recited in claims 1 and 11. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the Examiner enter the amendments and allow claims 1 and 11. Dependent claims 2-10 and 12-20 are allowable for at least the same reasons. With respect to the other cited references, US 6,672,733 to Nagatani ("Nagatani"), and US 6,497,946 to Kretman et al. ("Kretman"), neither Nagatani nor Kretman cure the deficiencies of Watai and Torihara. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-20 are allowable over Watai, Torihara, Nagatani and Kretman.

New Claims 25-33:

New claims 25-32 are supported in the specification as filed at least at original claims 2-9. New claim 33 is supported in the specification as filed at least at original claim 1 and figure 4. No new matter is added.

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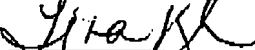
Applicant respectfully submits that new claims 25-32 depend from allowable claim 21 and are allowable at least for the same reasons that claim 21 is allowable.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request all pending objections and rejections be withdrawn. If the Examiner has any questions or concerns about any aspect of this application, a telephone call to the undersigned at (949) 752-7040 is both welcomed and encouraged.

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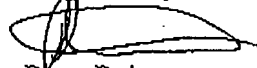
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